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We have prepared for our patrons this week SOME GENUINE SURPRISES in our dress goods department. The assortment embraces the finest line of dress goods, silks, satins and velvets ever shown in Fort Worth, and bought with a view to fine retail trade. Our reputation for correct styles and low prices on dress goods stands second to none.

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Fancy check silk velvets go this week at \$1.25; fancy stripe silk velvets we offer this week at \$1.50; fancy stripe plushes only ask this week \$1.75; plain plushes, all the new colors, our price this week \$1.25; our extra fine silk plush we have reduced to \$1.75; fancy chenille velvets, just the thing for trimming, 75c; fancy chenille plush, elegant goods, we only ask 65c; we are selling black woven silk brocade velvets, a most desirable article, at \$1.75.

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The bargains we name for this week in silks will be found just as described, and for sale all the week at the prices advertised. Colored gros grain silks, perfectly pure dye, good color, bright finish, and are very desirable goods, at 75c; colored silk, elegant and rich, at \$1; our black gros grain silks range in prices from 40c to \$2.50.

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We are showing an immense variety of fine French mourning dress goods, in camel's hair and India cloth, Henriettas and all the latest styles of Courtland's English crapes; black cashmere all real wool, a positive bargain, at 50c; black surah cloth, guaranteed all pure wool, only 50c; silk warp Henrietta, extra quality, full width, at \$1.25; black merino, extra heavy, full 46 inches wide, at \$1.25.

The above is absolutely without exception the greatest bargains in really fine goods ever offered in this city by our own or other house, and we can assure you that any lady who fails at least to come and look at them will miss an opportunity likely to occur again.

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TRANSACTS A GENERAL BANKING BUSINESS.

TO THE TRADE.

I beg leave to call special attention to my

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listing all the finest brands of Cigars in the market, and which I offer to the trade at manufacturers' prices.

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A CHANGE OF HEART.

Several Democrats Who Voted Against Consideration of the Tariff Bill Repent Their Action.

Judge Reagan Reports Satisfactory Progress by the Interstate Commerce Conference Committee.

The President Consents with the Leaders of His Party—He Wants the Appropriation Bills Passed First.

A CHANCE FOR TARIFF LEGISLATION.

Special to the Gazette.
WASHINGTON, Dec. 8.—Mr. Morrison claims that there has been a change of heart in at least nine Democrats who voted against the consideration of the tariff bill and he is confident he will get it before the house this session. Two, if not three, of these votes will come from Ohio.

INTERSTATE COMMERCE.

Special to the Gazette.
WASHINGTON, Dec. 8.—Mr. Reagan said to-night that the conference committee on the interstate commerce bill would probably reach an agreement to-morrow, and that the present indications pointed to a settlement. The bill agreed upon will not be strictly satisfactory to all parties, but would be far better than no bill at all, and its defects could be remedied another congress, after a trial had been made of the provisions.

MOSTLY SENSATIONAL REPORTS.

Special to the Gazette.
WASHINGTON, Dec. 8.—Indian Commissioner Atkins says that nine-tenths of the reports published in the telegraphic columns of Western and Southern papers may be regarded as false, and he states that such stories usually originate with persons who have selfish ends to promote.

LANHAM'S SILVER BILL.

Special to the Gazette.
WASHINGTON, Dec. 8.—Mr. Lanham will endeavor to bring up his silver bill reported last session at an early date and speaks hopefully of having it passed.

FOR TEXAS RIVERS AND HARBORS.

Special to the Gazette.
WASHINGTON, Dec. 8.—The estimates of the secretary of war for river and harbor improvements for the next fiscal year aggregate \$22,250,000, of which \$2,000,000 is recommended for the improvement of Texas rivers and harbors.

PROMISED PLEURO-PNEUMONIA BILL.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 8.—Jewett Smith of Illinois, president of the National Little Growers' association, has arrived in Washington. He is here for the purpose of securing the passage of a bill to more effectively prevent the spread of pleuro-pneumonia and other contagious diseases. The bill proposed by the association, which will shortly be introduced in the senate by Callum, is substantially the same as that urged upon congress three years ago.

A CHANGE IN THE DISTRICT.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 8.—The district commissioner to-day appointed Col. William G. Moore chief of police in the place of Maj. Walker, resigned. Col. Moore is commanding officer of the Washington Light Infantry corps, and was private secretary to ex-President Johnson.

THE PRESIDENT'S SUFFERING.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 8.—President Cleveland suffered considerable rheumatic pain to-day. He spent most of the time in a recumbent position. He denied himself to all callers except a few senators who desired to see him on important business.

PRESIDENTIAL APPOINTMENTS.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 8.—The president to-day sent to the senate the following nominations: Thomas Moulton of Leavenworth, Kan., to be governor of Wyoming; Arthur L. Thomas of Pennsylvania, to be a member of the Utah commission; naval constructor Theodore D. Wilson, to be chief of the bureau of construction and repair and chief constructor in the department of the navy with the relative rank of commodore; Pay Director James Fulton to be chief of the bureau of provisions and clothing and paymaster general in the department of the navy with the relative rank of commodore; Pay Inspector Rufus Parks to be pay director; Paymaster James E. Talfare to be pay inspector; Assistant Paymaster John Carline to be pay assistant paymaster.

WHO HE IS.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 8.—Arthur S. Thomas, who was to-day appointed a member of the Utah commission, is the present secretary of Utah Territory. He succeeds ex-Senator Paddock, who resigned for the reason that his private interest demanded his presence in Nebraska.

CONSULTED WITH PARTY LEADERS.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 8.—It was learned at the capital to-day that within a few days the president has been in consultation with several leaders of the Democratic party in congress. He is reported to have intimated to them that he hoped congress would pass appropriation bills without delay. He is opposed to any consideration of the tariff, silver and other questions of national importance until after the appropriation bills have been passed. Otherwise the president thinks that the house will probably be plunged into a long tariff discussion and there will be great danger of an extra session.

RAPID FOR ADMIRALTY.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 8.—Delegate Toole of Montana appeared before the house committee on territories to-day and made an argument in favor of the admission to the union of that territory as a state.

A WOMAN IN THE CASE.

A Washington Shooting Affray—A Patient Attorney Dangerously Wounded.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 8.—John C. Miller, a well-known stenographer and patent attorney of this city, who resides in Hyattsville, Md., was shot on F street near Ninth this afternoon, by a contractor named George N. Walker, brother of Maj. Walker, late chief of police.

After Walker fired Miller did not fall, but rushed upon Walker and attempted to take the pistol from him. They then had a struggle upon the sidewalk. Walker beating Miller over the head with the butt of the pistol until they were separated. Walker, after his arrest, said to a reporter that he had for a long time been annoyed by insulting letters reflecting upon the character of his wife. Some of the letters were anonymous while others bore Miller's signature. He had been threatened with violence and has had Miller bound over to keep the peace. He had no intention of killing Miller, but meeting the latter accidentally on the street and seeing him make a motion like drawing a pistol, he drew his weapon and fired several shots.

Miller after being shot said, referring to Walker: "He sent his wife after me, as he has after many others." Miller's wound is dangerous and perhaps fatal. Walker was committed to jail.

AN AMALGAMATION.

The Trades Congress as a Committee Joins the Trades Union.

COLUMBUS, Ohio, Dec. 8.—At the second day's session of the trades congress, Chairman Gampers of the legislative committee recommended the congress resolve itself into a committee of the whole to attend the trades union conference. There was one opposition to this manner of forming an amalgamation of two bodies, but the suggestion was adopted. When the congress convened again, J. R. Scott of Toronto was elected chairman of the committee of the whole, and they decided to enter a conference of the trades unions about to be held, and adjourned to meet at the call of the president. At the conference, in the absence of President Welbe of the Amalgamated association, Secretary McGuire called it to order and proceeded to read the call setting forth the action of the trade conference in Philadelphia last May. John McBryde was nominated for temporary chairman and elected. McGuire was elected temporary secretary. The chair named a committee on credentials. No Knights of Labor or trades assembly men were on this committee. The conference adjourned to 2 p. m.

SEND THE ARMY.

The Seminoles Have Joke Cause for Complaint Against Rubbers.

JACKSONVILLE, Fla., Dec. 8.—The Seminole Indians in the everglades are said to be putting on war paint and stirring up things to Dade and Monroe counties on account of the way they are being treated by a band of white men who have a camp near Lake Okechobee. The white men have been for some time killing hogs and cattle of the Indians. These depredations have been going on for several months and shots have been exchanged several times between the white plunderers and the Seminoles. The latter are now worked up to such a pitch of indignation that war-dances have been held during the last two weeks and the warriors are putting on their paint. Settlers have become so alarmed that many have moved their families to the islands on the coast. "If some steps are not taken immediately for an amicable settlement," said a gentleman who just returned from that part of Florida, "there will no doubt be a wholesale massacre of the white settlers, as the red skins are fearfully angry."

THE CHICAGO WAY.

A Big Gaily Ruffian Assaults a Reporter of Sinn Haul.

CHICAGO, Ill., Dec. 8.—The Cook county board of commissioners was reorganized last Monday, and the old members who have been denominated as the "gang" members, succeeded in retaining control of the board. The old board adjourned and a number of the so-called "gang" commissioners, including some of the retired commissioners had a night meal in a beer hall known as the Masserman's beer. The usual conversation at the meal was an interchange of profane and disgraceful language. The alleged intoxication of the guests was given at length in the Daily News. Last night Commissioner "Back" McCarthy, a man weighing 240 pounds, made an assault on Paul C. Hull, the writer of the article, a man of small physique. The attack, it is declared, was made without warning. Hull was knocked down and was carried away senseless, but it was feared that his injuries might prove serious. McCarthy went to the town of Lake and had a complaint and fee entered against him by a justice of the town, and paid the fine to escape prosecution.

FORT SMITH.

Belle Starr Loses Her Fine Race Horse by a Law Suit.

Special to the Gazette.

FORT SMITH, Ark., Dec. 8.—Since Belle Starr has been here she has been in possession of a handsome race horse, which she prizes very highly. During the fair he was seen on the race course by a Texas man, who recognized it as the property of J. S. Morris of Paris, Tex., from whom the animal had been stolen. Dr. Morris came here a few days ago and instituted suit to recover the animal, and after a two days' trial the jury gave the horse to Morris, and now Belle has no race horse. She proved conclusively, however, that she came by the animal honestly, having bought him last March in the Indian country.

A MISSOURI EARTHQUAKE.

A Slight Shock Felt at Different Parts of the State.

AT INDEPENDENCE.

INDEPENDENCE, Mo., Dec. 8.—At 7:56 o'clock last evening an earthquake shock was distinctly felt in this city and the surrounding country. The shock was severe enough to shake houses and rattle china.

AT MISSOURI CITY.

MISSOURI CITY, Mo., Dec. 8.—A shock of earthquake was distinctly felt here last evening about 8 o'clock, shaking the houses and rattling windows. The shock was of short duration, lasting only about three seconds.

FISHERIES DISPUTE.

The Correspondence Relative to Our Quarrel with the Kanucks Transmitted to Congress.

A Communication from Secretary of State Bayard Showing the Action of that Department.

John Hall will be Asked to Indemnify American Citizens for Interference with Their Legitimate Rights.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 8.—The following is the president's letter transmitting to congress the communication of the secretary of state and the correspondence relating to fisheries:

To the Senate and House of Representatives: I transmit herewith a letter from the secretary of state which is accompanied by correspondence in relation to the rights of American fishermen in British North American waters, and commend to your favorable consideration the suggestion that the commission be authorized by law to take peremptory proofs of losses sustained during the past year by American fishermen, owing to their unfriendly and unwarranted treatment by local authorities of the maritime provinces of the Dominion of Canada. I may have occasion hereafter to make further recommendations during the present session for such remedial legislation as may become necessary for the protection of the rights of our citizens engaged in the open sea fisheries in North Atlantic waters.

GROVER CLEVELAND.

Executive Mansion, Washington, Dec. 8.

Mr. Bayard's letter is as follows:

TO THE PRESIDENT.

The secretary of state has the honor to submit to the president with a view to its communication to congress, the correspondence relative to the fisheries in the waters adjacent to British North America, which has taken place during the present year. It will disclose the action of this department and of our minister to Great Britain in relation to the disputed construction of the convention of 1818, and what has been done to procure such interpretation of its provisions as will be acceptable to both parties to that instrument and consistent with their mutual interests and honor. From time to time since the conclusion of the treaty of 1818 differences have arisen between the two governments as to the extent of the jurisdiction by the United States of their former fishing rights in common in the several waters of British North America and the true definition of rights and privileges retained by and expressly guaranteed to us in the first article of that convention. The history of this question during the period from 1818 to the present time has been of unceasing attempts to adjust the respective claims and occasionally difficulties have been bridged over by temporary arrangements, notably the treaty of Washington, June 8, 1854, and of the treaty of Washington, May 8, 1871, the fisheries articles of the latter having been abrogated by the United States on June 30, 1885. It is deeply to be regretted that the efforts of this department to arrive at such an agreement as would permit instructions of like tenor to be issued by the government of Great Britain and the United States to guide the citizens of the respective nationalities in the unimpeded exercise of their rights of fishing in the waters in question, and defining the limits of lawful action thereon, have not as yet reached a final and satisfactory result, although negotiations are now pending for consideration, which, it is hoped, may prove the basis of a just and permanent settlement. Yet as supplementary to the published history of this standing subject, and as illustrating the obvious necessity in the interest of amity and good neighborhood of having a clear and well defined understanding of the relative rights of the two governments and their respective citizens, it is considered expedient that congress should have full knowledge of the action of the executive in the premises to assist them in their deliberations upon this important subject. It will be observed in the course of this correspondence that notification has not been duly given to the government of Great Britain that compensation is expected for the loss and damage caused to American fishermen by the unwarrantable action of local authorities in the Dominion of Canada, not merely by the summary seizure of their vessels and the execution of heavy fines in advance of hearing and judgments, but for the curtailment of privileges to which they were justly entitled, under common law regulations as well as treaty stipulations, and the consequent interference with their legitimate occupations whereby the natural profits of their industry were seriously diminished and in many cases wholly destroyed. It would seem proper that steps should be taken by congress to allow proofs to be made and placed upon record of those losses and injuries to our citizens to enable them to be properly presented to the majesty of government for settlement, and that for this purpose a commission should be authorized by congress to take the necessary proofs of the respective claimants. Respectfully submitted,

T. F. BAYARD.

The letters accompanying Bayard's communication are very voluminous and enter into detailed argument of the many questions involved under the general title of the "fisheries" dispute.

Will Fight Against It.

TORONTO, Ont., Dec. 8.—Thomas H. McDermott of Waukegan, Ill., arrested last night charged by Flood & Co. of Dallas, Tex., with a \$2000 forgery, was brought before the county judge to-day and remanded. He will fight against his extradition.

South Carolina Shaken Again.

COLUMBIA, S. C., Dec. 8.—Another earthquake shock occurred here about 4:20 this morning. It was very perceptible, waking up some sleepers, and the trains appeared to last fully a minute.